

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application and are subject to a Restriction Requirement mailed March 29, 2007. In particular, the Examiner has stated that the above-identified application contains claims directed to two distinct inventions, and that restriction to one of the following groups of claims is now required:

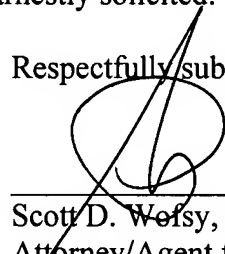
1. Claims 1-27, drawn to investment strategy or investment portfolio management classified in class/subclass 705/36R; and
2. Claims 28-36 drawn to task management, in particular performing a specified task by applying an instructional statement, classified in class subclass 705/1.

The Examiner has further stated that because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Claims 1-27 for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby reserves the right to prosecute Claims 28-36 in a co-pending divisional application. Based upon this election, early and favorable consideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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